

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION

DALE STEWART,

Petitioner

v.

C-1-03-201

ROBIN KNAB,

Respondent

**ORDER**

This matter was referred pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636 to the United States Magistrate Judge for consideration and report on the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus filed by the petitioner pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. The matter is before the Court upon the Report and Recommendation of the Magistrate Judge (doc. no. 43) to which neither party has objected.

The Court finds that the Magistrate Judge has accurately set forth the applicable law and has properly applied it to the particular facts of this case. Accordingly, in the absence of any objection by petitioner, this Court accepts the Report as uncontroverted.

Accordingly, the Court accepts the factual findings and legal reasoning of the Magistrate Judge and hereby **ADOPTS AND INCORPORATES BY REFERENCE** into this Order his Report and Recommendation dated February 29, 2008. The “more narrow” due process claim remanded by the Sixth Circuit for additional proceedings is **DENIED** with prejudice. This case is **TERMINATED** on the docket of this Court.

A certificate of appealability shall not issue with respect to the sole narrow claim remanded by the Sixth Circuit because petitioner has failed to make a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right that is remediable in this proceeding. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c); Fed. R. App. P. 22(b). Petitioner has not shown that reasonable jurists could debate whether the claim should have been resolved in a different manner or that the issues presented are “adequate to deserve encouragement to proceed further.” *Miller-El v. Cockrell*, 537 U.S. 322, 323–324 (2003) (quoting *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 483–84 (2000)) (in turn quoting *Barefoot v. Estelle*, 463 U.S. 880, 893 n.4 (1983)).

With respect to any application by petitioner to proceed on appeal *in forma pauperis*, the Court **CERTIFIES** pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a) that an appeal of any Order adopting this Report and Recommendation would not be taken in “good faith,” and, therefore, **DENIES** petitioner leave to proceed on appeal *in forma pauperis* upon a showing of financial necessity. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 24(a); *Kincade v. Sparkman*, 117 F.3d 949, 952 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1997).

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

S/Herman J. Weber  
Herman J. Weber, Senior Judge  
United States District Court